

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-28 will remain pending and allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 29-71 under three separate 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections: as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,995,991 to Huang et al. ("Huang"); as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,931,943 to Orup ("Orup"); and as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,009,511 to Lynch et al. ("Lynch"). The Examiner also rejected claims 29, 31, 59, and 60 under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, and 20 in copending Application No. 10/035,586; and rejected claims 29, 31-34, 59, and 60 under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15, 17-20, 26, and 28 in copending Application No. 10/028,375.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), at least for the reasons set forth in the Request for Reconsideration filed July 29, 2005 and for the reasons in the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed September 30, 2005. Nevertheless, in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicant hereby cancels claims 29-71, obviating the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and under obviousness-type double patenting.

The Examiner allowed claims 1-28 in the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, allowing this application to pass to issue. Applicant submits

that the canceling of claims 29-71 does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

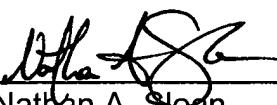
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicant therefore requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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